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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6475

BILL NUMBER: HB 1511

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 6, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Apr 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Joint Legal Custody in Paternity Determinations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. GiaQuinta

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Bray

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a court to award joint legal custody of a child following a determination of paternity. It provides that an award of joint legal custody does not require an equal division of physical custody of the child. The bill establishes factors for the court to consider in determining whether to grant joint legal custody.

The bill also creates a rebuttable presumption that a noncustodial parent convicted of child molesting or child exploitation is not entitled to parenting time rights. It establishes a rebuttable presumption that, if parenting time is granted to a person who has been convicted of child molesting or child exploitation, the parenting time shall be supervised.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

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